INTENT TO MINE

Smitty's LLC has applied to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for a permit to mine sand and sand/clay in South Carolina. A proposed reclamation plan has been submitted indicating that after mining the site will be restored to a lake. The proposed mine is located in Horry County approximately 4.5 miles southwest of Socastee, South Carolina. The site is about 4.0 miles southwest of the junction of SC Hwy 707 and state secondary highway S-26-526. Specifically the site is west of Freewood Road between its junctions with Footy Drive and Salem Road. Any comments or inquiries concerning this application should be received by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control before 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2004. Comments should be sent to the attention of Wendy Hamilton, Division of Mining and Solid Waste Management, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201, phone (803) 896-4267. The mining project is located within the S.C. Coastal Zone and this notice serves as notification to the public of the commencement of the S.C. Coastal Zone Consistency review. Any individuals with disabilities or special needs who want to review the file should contact the Department at least one week prior to the end of the comment period to discuss any special services required.